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Dear Mac:

I have put off writing you until now, because the baseball picture for 1945 was not entirely clear, and until after our league meeting in New York yesterday. I wanted to be reasonably sure we would be able to operate. As things stand now we are going ahead full steam, and we definitely want you on the team.

I sent you a wire last night. I hope you received it OK. One of the nice things that has happened, is the fact that The Cubans are going to play in the Polo Grounds, and are going to be able to play night games. We are scheduled there a night early in June, the second night game they will play.

Next I plan to feature you this year, I am sure you will live up to the publicity you receive. We have Kansas City here a night in June, and I am sure you against Satchell will be quite an attraction, if even just for a couple innings.

Next, I had Matthews down to talk to me last week and I think we will plan on using him this year to add to the hitting. As the team stands now, with Matthews, Wells Dandridge, Watkins, Harvey, Davis, Pearson, and Mackey is coming back, we should have a good team. We have as usual our batch of rookies.

Next for the bad news, Hooker has gone to Mexico, and Newcombe is threatening to go. I think both of them are suffering with the big head. Hooker is not the pitcher he thinks he is. Without some runs he would not win often. Newcombe is a rookie with a lot to learn. I am not too disturbed about either of them if you are with us.

I had expected you to be back before this. When do you expect to return? Will be looking to hear from you right away.

Very Truly Yours